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YOUR TAX BILL

Thank the Sales Tax For Saving You From a Substantial Boost In Your Tax Rate. Rate Boosts Offset Reduced Valuations.

An Editorial

Taxpayers within the City of Torrance will pay six cents less on each \$100 of assessed valuation of their property this year under the total rate for all purposes levied last year. This reduction, coupled with the lowering of assessed valuations which average 14 per cent under last year, will mean a substantial cut in the tax bill of Torrance property owners.

In other words, if your property was assessed at \$2000 last year, your tax bill this year will be reduced approximately \$11.95, or at the rate of approximately 60 cents per \$100 of last year's valuation. However, this saving is due almost entirely to the shifting of the 65-cent county-wide school tax from the property owner to the state. The state, in turn, is collecting the county school tax through the 2 1/2 per cent sales tax.

It appears from the study of tax rates, that the savings afforded property owners through the reduction of assessed valuations have been more than offset by increased rates. The general county rate has been increased 32 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, the Torrance municipal rate has been boosted 13 cents, the county free library fund is up two cents, the flood control rate is raised five cents, and the county sanitation district No. 5 increased four cents.

When complaining about the much maligned state sales tax, just remember that had it not been for the enactment of the Riley-Stewart bill which transferred the county school tax from the property owners to the state, your tax rate this year would have been 59 cents higher instead of six cents lower.

The tax table for the City of Torrance is as follows:

COMPARISON OF TAX RATES

	1932	1933
City of Torrance	\$.83	\$.96
L. A. City School District	1.80	1.18
L. A. County Library Fund	.04	.06
General County Purposes	.88	1.20
L. A. County Flood Control	.10	.15
Motropolitan Water District	.04	.04
L. A. County Sanitation Dist. No. 5	.21	.25
	\$3.90	\$3.84

Motorists Enroute To Kansas Suffer Injuries In Accident

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wayte, of Montebello, formerly of this city, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Terry, proprietors of the Terry Cafe, 2314 Dominguez street, who left here last Friday to drive to Wichita, Kansas, were victims of an accident near Winslow, Arizona, Saturday morning, which injured all four, Mrs. Wayte and Mr. Terry seriously.

According to Miss Helen Terry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry, the accident occurred when a rear tire blew out, causing the car to turn over three times and plunge over a high embankment. Although Miss Terry has had two cards and two telephone calls from Winslow since the accident, the nature of the injuries to the victims was not stated, beyond the fact that two were seriously hurt. The injured were taken to Winslow.

Latest advices were to the effect that the party will be unable to return home for several days, and relatives here fear that the plunge may be in a dangerous condition, especially Mr. Terry who is afflicted with heart trouble.

Mr. Wayte, constable in Montebello township, formerly was employed in the same capacity in this township, but the family moved from Torrance several years ago. Mrs. Wayte and Mrs. Terry are sisters.

Application For Water Plant Loan Is Filed With NRA

Formal application for a loan of \$375,000 with which to finance the construction of an entirely new water development and distributing system in Torrance was filed Saturday morning with H. H. Cotton, chairman of the advisory committee of the NRA at Los Angeles.

The application contains 143 pages and covers the entire history of the water problem. The Torrance city council at an afternoon meeting last Friday authorized Mayor W. T. Klusman to sign the application and the next morning it was filed with the federal officials at Los Angeles by City Engineer Frank Leonard. While Mayor Klusman signed the application, he insisted that the minutes of the city council show that he was opposed to the action.

Lomita May Get Police District Under New Law

Lomita and other unincorporated areas of Los Angeles county may organize a police protection district for the enforcement of laws, independent of the sheriff's office, according to provisions of a new state law. The police district will be organized similarly to the present county fire protection districts, which have chiefs and firemen and which function as do city departments.

Formation of at least one such new district in the county is probable, in West Hollywood. The act reads in part as follows:

"The law requires a petition of at least 51 per cent of the taxpayers and residents within the proposed district to the board of supervisors. Authorizes board to form a district after a hearing and to serve as ex-officio directors. Permits levying of a tax to raise not in excess of \$2400 a year to be collected as are general property taxes."

Local Chamber Is Lauded For Good Work By NRA Chief

In a letter received recently by Postmaster Alfred Gourdier from George Creel, chairman of the NRA district board, Mr. Creel said in part: "Your Chamber of Commerce is doing a splendid job of its wonderful spirit and co-operation. Such leadership as displayed by Torrance is an inspiration. We have started a 'Buy Now' campaign, and the National Administration is depending upon the women of the country to put this over, and to insist that all employers from whom they buy adopt the spirit of the President's Recovery Plan."

Postmaster Gourdier has also received detailed instructions from the NRA at Washington, regarding the manner in which the Blue Eagles may be obtained by individuals and firms who find the conditions of the blanket agreement work great hardships, or where union labor contracts cannot be adjusted to come within the conditions of the trade code or the blanket agreement. The procedure for amending agreements already signed is also outlined in the new instructions received by the postmaster.

Colden to Speak At Voters' League Next Thursday Nite

A general invitation to the public to attend the box social given by the Voters League to raise funds to defray the expenses of the organization, is extended by those in charge. The affair will be given next Thursday evening, September 14, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, on Lomita boulevard.

Congressman Charles J. Colden will be the main speaker, and others are expected who will give some brief talks on questions of interest to the league.

A speakers committee, to have charge of the work of arranging for this type of program, has been appointed recently to include L. L. West, J. Gibson and Otto Laimler.

Sanitation District Rate Is Raised 4c

Taxpayers in Inglewood, Lennox, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Gardena, Torrance, Lomita and other sections served by county sanitation district No. 5 will pay a tax rate of 25 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, as against 21 cents last year, according to the tax levies fixed by the board of supervisors.

Of the 25 cents, 22 cents will be for interest and sinking funds on bonds, and three cents for maintenance and operation. The interest and sinking fund levy on bonds is seven cents higher than last year, while the maintenance levy is three cents lower, a net difference of four cents higher this year.

McNab Is Named Dep.-Constable

H. J. McNab is the new deputy constable of Gardena township, replacing C. W. Malos, who has been transferred to Downey township. McNab, according to an order issued by W. T. Osterholt, superintendent of constabulary, formerly was stationed at Antelope township.

School Bells Ring Again Mon. High School Is Ready For Fall Semester Work

One New Teacher Assigned To Duty At Torrance

One new teacher and perhaps two others will be assigned to duty at the Torrance high school with the opening of the semester next Monday. The new man is Raymond Casey, formerly of the Lincoln and Alexander Hamilton high schools, an experienced school man who will be student councillor, assistant registration officer and drafting teacher here.

According to Principal Arthur G. Wajdelich, Mr. Casey will be a valuable addition to the teaching staff here, as he is not only popular in school and social gatherings but a leader in education and recreational activities. Some important innovations will be introduced into the school regime this year, according to Mr. Wajdelich. The principal change will have to do with the delegating of the responsibility for school discipline to the shoulders of the students themselves.

In line with this, it is planned to offer credits in citizenship, for active participation in constructive citizenship work, so that the student will earn his credits each semester during the course of his school life, instead of receiving them just prior to graduation. These credits become a necessary part of his requirements for graduation, the same as a credit in any study, and the lack of them at the close of the student's school life will be an important factor in determining his eligibility for graduation.

Beginning this fall the school will go on the new time schedule for class work and study periods. Another interesting plan in regard to recreation has been worked out in connection with the rearranged time schedule, which will include all students and all teachers except those whose duties prevent them from taking part.

Children Under Five May Enter Kindergarten

According to information received from the office of the county counsel, and from Superintendent of School Frank A. Bouelle by the Los Angeles Kindergarten Club, children who are four and a half years of age, may be admitted to kindergarten as usual, when school opens, September 11.

Recent legislation passed over the governor's veto of the "kindergarten bill" raises the age of admission from four and a half to five years, but because of a state constitutional provision, this law will not become operative until the latter part of October, 1933.

Therefore, the younger children may be enrolled in the kindergarten patronized by citizens of the school district in which they are living. And having been admitted according to the county counsel's ruling, they cannot be ejected. But when the second semester opens, February 1, the new law will be effective, and only the 5-year-old children may be enrolled.

Further particulars concerning kindergarten affairs may be obtained by calling the Los Angeles Kindergarten Club, TUcker 4493, or if more convenient, a letter may be addressed to them at 305 Trinity building.

Next Two Games In World Series Go To Santa Ana

Games Monday and Wednesday in the National Night League world series will be played at Santa Ana, according to an announcement by Manager Spud Murphy today. Owing to many conflicting affairs here on Monday night, and to the fact that the Orange county league is desirous of having some of the big games played in their territory, this decision was reached at a meeting of the association last night. The following home game of the Bluebirds will be played on Friday night of next week. The seventh game, if there is a seventh game, will probably be played at Anaheim.

Elem. School Ready to Open On Monday Next

School Plant In Fine Shape; Faculty Meeting To Be Held Saturday

The opening of the school year on September 11 will find everything in readiness at the Torrance elementary school. Head Custodian George Powell and his corps of workers have spent two weeks putting the school plant in excellent condition. The four rooms in which serious plaster cracks resulted from the March earthquake have not been repaired but these are sufficient room in the building without them.

There will be a meeting of the faculty on Saturday, September 9, at which details of organization will be announced. Mrs. Nellie Bradford is taking a leave of absence and in her place Mrs. Vera Godwin has been reassigned to Torrance. Mrs. Godwin taught here for several years and is welcomed back by her fellow workers. According to present plans all other teachers are to return. Mrs. Lila K. Deleissegues will again have charge of all development work.

Through the serious injuries of Mrs. Haslam, cafeteria manager, the school has experienced the loss of the chief agent responsible for the success of this recent venture. However, new plans have been made and the cafeteria will be open for business on Monday, September 11, as school will be held all day. The services of Mrs. Bertha M. Bradford of this city, as manager, were secured by Principal Bell and the officials of the student body finance department.

The free feeding carried on by the school during the past two and one-half years, will be cut to a minimum or entirely discontinued, according to the decision of Tenth District Parent Teachers Association officials, the need for this emergency service being practically eliminated by the upswing of employment in this district and the excellent work of local agencies, which conduct work through the homes of the children.

Children may be admitted to the kindergarten if they will be four and one-half years of age on or before December 11. This will be the last opportunity for children under five to enroll for kindergarten as the new state law raising the age limit to five years becomes effective before the second semester.

All parents having children of school age are urged to enroll them the first day in order to retain the entire teaching staff assigned to Torrance on the basis of expected growth of the school.

Quinn Leaves For Legion Convention

John R. Quinn, supervisor from the fourth district and chairman of the board, was granted a three weeks' leave of absence beginning September 26 by the board of supervisors Tuesday.

Quinn will attend the American Legion national convention in Chicago and will endeavor to bring the Legion to Los Angeles for its 1935 national convention. The board chairman is a former national commander of the veterans' body.

Brooks Street Changed to 186th

The name of Brooks street in unincorporated territory between Torrance and Redondo Beach was replaced by "186th street" by an order adopted by the board of supervisors this week. The City of Torrance changed the name of the street within the city limits in order that it might conform to the street numbering system of the City of Los Angeles.

Evening High School Offers Many Classes

Registration For Night Study Begins Monday Evening, September 11

The Torrance evening high school will open for registration and possibly for class work beginning Monday, September 11, 1933. There is to be no registration fee charged for enrolling in most courses, probably for none that will be offered in Torrance. The only expenses will be deposits for books and payment for materials used in certain classes such as cooking, sewing, arts and crafts and woodshop.

The following is a tentative list of classes: music, cooking, clothing, woodshop, commercial (typing, bookkeeping, stenography, machine calculating, commercial law), drum and bugle, English, mathematics, mechanical drawing, arts and crafts, gymnasium (men and boys, women), forum (social and civic problems), Spanish and French.

It is the purpose of the authorities to make the school such as will serve the community in every possible way. Success depends on the people who will take advantage of the opportunities that are offered. If any group wishes a class along some particular line an effort will be made to supply the teacher.

A class for young mothers in which they would study the problems of child care and training, may be offered if there is a demand.

The forum is another proposed project. There is a great need for an intelligent study of the problems confronting country, state and community.

New Group to Handle Field Relief Contact

Service Will Replace County Employment Stabilization Bureau

Another \$25,000 in county salaries was created today when the board of supervisors approved the organization of the unemployed relief field contact service, which will replace the county employment stabilization bureau.

Fourteen persons are to be employed in the contact service, including a field contact director, who will receive \$175 a month, 12 aides, who will receive \$150 a month each, and a secretary at \$150. Twelve field offices for registration of unemployed are to be opened shortly in the heaviest populated sections of the county.

"All unemployed cases on charity lists are to be classified in order to determine what trade or profession the men and women may be best suited to follow in private industry and upon public works projects," Earl E. Jensen, superintendent of charities, stated. "As true rehabilitation of these cases may only be effected by their receiving a standard wage placement, thereby allowing us to close such cases, it is felt necessary that this unemployment relief field service be inaugurated."

"The activity of this unemployed field personnel will allow us to resolve the support of public and private employers in that they cooperate with us by applying to our unemployment relief district offices for that personnel which they require to fill occupational vacancies."

"The unemployment relief field personnel must be of a high quality that the same shall be able to properly enlist the hearty cooperation of public and private employers to the end that we shall, in the shortest possible space of time, bring about the rehabilitation of our unemployment cases by assisting them to acquire standard wage placements; thus allowing us to eliminate them as further public charges."

ABANDONED CAR FOUND

A Ford car which was picked up as abandoned at the Del Amo lease No. 9, last Thursday night, was identified as the property of Delbert Thompson, who had reported it as stolen several hours earlier. The car was taken from its parking place near the Columbia plant.

New Courses Are Offered Compton Junior College

Damaged Buildings Repaired and New Safe Structures Erected

Students from Torrance who plan to enter Compton Junior College this fall will be pleased to learn that during the summer the rebuilding of the junior college plant has been rushed so that with the opening of registration on September 18 all damaged buildings will have been repaired and new permanent structures erected and ready for use, to replace those which were destroyed by the earthquake. All classes will be housed in permanent one-story structures which have satisfactorily met the requirements of state and county officials from the standpoint of safety. Ample facilities have been provided so that there will be no crowding of classes and it will not be necessary to shorten the hours of instruction or to change the regular schedule of classes in any way.

A number of new courses are being offered this year. The Intensive Secretarial Training course has been lengthened to a full day course which is offered five days a week throughout the semester. A new intensive year course in pre-nursing is being offered for the first time. This course meets the requirements for entrance into the various hospitals and nurses training institutions in the state of California, and meets the requirements outlined by the state board of health. Vocational finishing courses are being offered in auto shop, machine shop, electric shop and printing. These courses meet four hours daily throughout the year. Students completing any of these year courses may receive a certificate of completion at the close of the year's training or may take the two-year course leading to junior college graduation with the title of associate of arts. As usual, regular courses in general college training which provide for the first two years of college or university training and permit the student to transfer to four-year institutions in junior standing are being offered.

In addition to the courses which duplicate the first two years of liberal arts training, special preparatory courses are offered in the following fields: Chemical engineering, commerce, dentistry, electrical engineering, general engineering, law, mechanical engineering, medicine, physical education, teaching.

Students not eligible to enter a four-year college because of deficiencies incurred in their high school records, may prepare for transfer to college at the same time that they complete the requirements for junior standing in such four-year institutions.

Entrance examinations for students entering Compton Junior College this fall will be given on Saturday, September 9, starting at 9 o'clock. Torrance students are eligible to enter Compton Junior College without the payment of a tuition fee although there are some incidental fees which are required of all students. Registration of new students will take place on Tuesday, September 19, and written examinations, September 20. Class instruction begins on Thursday, September 21.

Torrance students who plan to enter Compton this fall should have a copy of their high school record mailed to the registrar of the Compton Junior College at once and should call some time within the next week to make personal application.

Taxpayers' Guide Not to Be Issued

Taxpayers throughout Los Angeles county today were concerned over a statement from the board of supervisors that the county's final budget adopted August 30, will not be published for 1933-34.

Neither will the usual "Taxpayers' Guide" be published this year, according to Miss Mame Beatty, clerk of the board. Saving of some \$5500 annually is expected to result from the decision. For years the "Taxpayers' Guide" has given accurate information as to taxes in this and every other city of the county and in special assessment districts. Without the "Taxpayers' Guide" local residents will have practically no accurate way to know what is going on in official circles as regards rates.

HOME OWNERS LOAN OFFICE OPENED HERE

Property Owners May Regain Ownership of Homes Through Aid of Government

A branch office of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation was opened by the federal government yesterday at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce for the convenience of local property owners whose homes are threatened with mortgage foreclosures. The office will be open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., according to Al Drew, officer in charge. The opening of the Torrance office was arranged by Congressman Charles J. Colden, and is planned to serve residents of Torrance, Lomita, Gardena, Moneta and adjoining communities.

Property owners who are threatened with the loss of their homes through mortgage foreclosures, as well as those upon which foreclosure proceedings are now in process, and even those upon which foreclosures have been completed within the past two years, are eligible for assistance from the government, according to Mr. Drew.

Loans are refinanced to amortize in 12 years at 5 per cent interest. Monthly payments are arranged at approximately \$10 per \$1000, including interest, and in certain instances, principal payments are deferred for the first three years. Appraisals are made on the basis of 1929 land valuations and improvements are figured on present replacement costs.

The Torrance office was arranged for the convenience of local home owners in order to eliminate the necessity of waiting in long lines at the Los Angeles office. Applications will be received Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 9 a. m. and 4 p. m. until further notice, Mr. Drew states.

Moose Lodge Will Initiate Large Class

Friday, September 15, will be Moose Day in Torrance.

Hurum E. Reeve, dictator of the local lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose, announces that he expects a big delegation from each of the numerous neighboring lodges who have been invited to participate in the grand gathering, initiation ceremonies and social festivities which will mark this date.

Invitations have been sent to San Pedro, Culver City, Huntington Park, Long Beach, Maywood, Santa Monica, South Bay cities, Wilmington and Compton, and with the large membership in Torrance there will be a grand gathering of the faithful to take part in the program.

Caravan from Torrance and several other lodges will be given the "works" in a big initiation ceremony at Moose hall. The degree staff of the San Pedro lodge, recognized as one exceptionally capable and impressive, will assist in putting on the work.

The Long Beach drill team, second to none with their clever and effective maneuvers, will work in conjunction with the degree staff. Prior to the affair, all visiting cars are to be assembled in front of the city hall for a short parade through the business district.

Following the parade, the members and candidates for initiation will go to Moose hall for the business session, and the general public and families of visiting Moose will be escorted to Recreation hall on Carson street, where the American Legion and Moose are putting on a dance.

Puncture Weeds to Be Eradicated

Allocation of \$3000 for eradication of puncture and other noxious weeds along the highways in the fourth supervisory district was made this week by the board of supervisors. No funds were available last year and the weeds now present a problem for immediate attention, according to the county road department. The money was allocated from the good roads fund.